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FOR:	METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Enclosed are:

- 11 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-007158 to claim priority date of January 16, 2001.
- An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- An Executed Declaration

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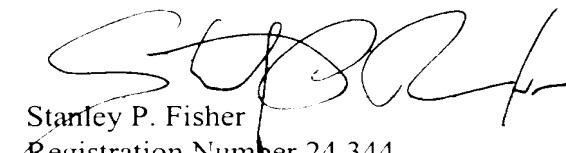
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of January 16, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-007158.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-007158 is submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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